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EXAMINATION FOR MASTERS IN ENGLISH AND
APPLIED LINGUISTICS

LING 813: GENERATIVE SYNTAX

STREAM: R

TIME: 3 HRS

DAY: TUESDAY (8.30-11.30AM)

DATE: 19/12/23

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer questions **ONE** and any other **TWO**.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a) Make an X-BAR representation of the following sentence.
Thomas bought oranges in town yesterday. (8 marks)
- b) From the above identify and explain the heads, complements and adjuncts (8 marks)
- c) Explain Tense as the head of a sentence in X-bar syntax (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

For each of the following sentences indicate the Structural Description and the Structural Change in the context of transformational grammar.

- a) Who saw Tom? (4 marks)
- b) He was sent, wasn't he? (6 marks)
- c) Was the house not built by Joseph? (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Identify three differences between phrase structure grammar and transformational generative grammar (6 marks)
- b) Discuss recursion by use of two phrases (6 marks)
- c) Discuss embedding of sentences with the aid of at least two examples (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe wh- fronting as a last cyclic rule and as successive cyclic rule with appropriate illustrations. (12 marks)
- b) Describe EQUI NP deletion (4 marks)
- c) Explain the grammar of the following sentence in terms of Binding Principles.
She said that she/ herself was late. (4 marks)